

## General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 6513

January Session, 2003

## AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 4a-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):
- 3 The estate administrator may act as guardian, conservator,
- 4 administrator or trustee, or in any other fiduciary capacity under the
- 5 jurisdiction and appointment of the probate courts of this state or like
- 6 courts of any other state or of the United States, or any instrumentality
- 7 of any other state or of the United States qualified to appoint
- 8 fiduciaries, only in connection with property of any minor, incapable,
- 9 incompetent or deceased person who is or has been receiving financial
- 10 aid from the state. In the case of any person receiving public or
- medical assistance from the state, the estate administrator shall apply
- 12 toward the cost of care of such person any assets exceeding limits on
- 13 assets set by statute or regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
- 14 Social Services. The estate administrator shall have the same rights and
- 15 powers and be subject to the same duties and obligations as are
- 16 possessed by and imposed upon guardians, conservators,
- 17 administrators and other fiduciaries, and such courts or
- 18 instrumentalities are authorized to appoint the estate administrator,
- 19 trustee or other fiduciary in connection with property of any such
- 20 minor, incapable, incompetent or deceased person. The authority of

21 the estate administrator to act and of the court or instrumentality to appoint such estate administrator shall be limited to cases in which the 22 23 estate consists of personal property only, and the amount of personal 24 property involved, or the annual income other than state benefits, does 25 not exceed [ten] fifty thousand dollars in value. The estate 26 administrator shall be excused from giving any bond in any court proceeding, and shall not be allowed a fee for services. 27

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.